

What is ITQ?

ITQ (Invitation to Qualify) is a process through which the State of Iowa issues a contract for IT services to a vendor who meets all of the mandatory requirements and the qualification criteria of the ITQ. State agencies are then enabled to issue PO's both for projects and staff augmentation through competition among the pre-qualified ITQ vendors. The ITQ is structured as a *multiple-award contract*, each with identical terms and conditions.

The ITQ's purpose is fivefold:

1. Standardize STATE terms and conditions relating to the type of procurement, thereby avoiding repetition and duplication.
2. Ensure that prequalified vendors are capable of performing work in a manner consistent with operational standards developed and adopted by the department.
3. Implement a pay-for-performance model directly linking vendor payments to defined results as required by Iowa Code section 8.47, which relates to Chapter 8E, the Accountable Government Act.
4. Consolidate records of vendor qualifications and performance in one location for reference and review.
5. Reduce time required for solicitation of proposals from vendors for individual procurements.